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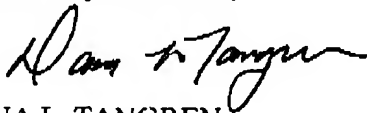
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 AND TUBE COUPLINGS INCORPORATING )  
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 Examiner: Ramesh Krishnamurthy )

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- Transmittal Letter (3 pages)
- Amendment "A" and Response (9 pages)
- Petition for an Extension of Time
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment "A" and Response for entry in the above-identified application.

--- Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

--- To secure the approval of the Examiner for proposed amendments to the drawings, enclosed are the following:

--- Set of \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) sheets of drawings containing Figures \_\_\_\_\_ including the proposed amendments therein; and

--- A duplicate set of the \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) sheets of drawings with the changes therein highlighted in red.

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☒ Form PTO-2038 submitting Credit Card Payment in the amount of \$120.00 to cover the fee for the extension of time.

☒ A Certificate of Facsimile under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10.

☐ No other additional fee is required.

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☒ Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.

☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

☐ A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

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Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 2006.

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